

The Township Update

MISSION STATEMENT

To establish innovative, effective and efficient public policy and funding for services, fiscal management, community planning and development; to encourage internal and external communications.

Spring/Summer 2005

State of The Township Message "New Horizons For Saginaw Township"

2004, The Year In Review:

The year 2004 in Saginaw Township was a year unlike other years. It was a year of passage in which both the community and Saginaw Township government experienced several moments in history.

We sadly said good bye to Bishop Ken Untener, who was both a civic leader and spiritual leader in the Saginaw Valley. He guided us and asked us to look inwardly at ourselves and compassionately at our fellow man.

We also said good bye and happy retirement to past Township Supervisor George Olson, who after 26 plus years in public service decided it was time to relax and enjoy life and family. This man literally grew Saginaw Township steering it through the hectic 1970's, 80's, and 1990's, and into the 21st Century. Ultimately, George surpassed the long tenure of Rudy Zael.

We also saw the retirement from public life of fine people like Trustee Barbara Ewend, Fiscal Services Director Virginia Gottschalk, and Police Chief Steve Renico. Their devotion to the people of Saginaw Township was exemplary.

Lastly, but equally important, November, 2004, marked the beginning of a new Saginaw Township Board with four people in new positions on a seven member Board. This represents new leadership, but the same composition of quality people.

Our Fiscal Picture

Our Township government levies a total of 5.21 mills for its entire operation. Although .93 of the 5.21 mills are levied for general fund operations, the Township Board has chosen to dedicate that millage for use by the Police Department. So in essence, public safety utilizes the entire millage levied by the Township. Basically, all of the other departments, including Parks and Recreation, rely solely upon State Revenue Sharing to finance their operations. This has become increasingly difficult during the last few years given the financial status of the State, and reduction in State Revenue Sharing. During the last two years the Township's revenue sharing has dropped by approximately \$50,000. Given all of these issues, the sound fiscal policy established by the Township Board, has proven to be effective in this challenging and ever changing environment. We have adapted and are learning to do more with less.

What Does It All Mean? 2005 and Beyond...

We are ready to move forward, carefully but with strong conviction. I would like to briefly describe a new theme for 2005 and beyond. We call it

"NEW HORIZONS FOR SAGINAW TOWNSHIP"

Reaching New Horizons is all about enhancing the Quality of Life for our residents and business community. Achieving this goal must be done through a coordinated TEAM effort that is supported by members of our staff. Shortly after being sworn into office, I began to share my goals for our community with each Township department. Not surprisingly, I discovered many of them shared the same goals that I have. So during the past few months, my staff and I have dedicated a considerable amount of time toward developing a strategic plan that emphasizes Quality of Life improvements, many of which you will see highlighted this afternoon. Many of these improvements will require a considerable financial investment by the Township and its residents. Therefore budgeting becomes extremely important. The Township Board recently spent two evenings conducting its annual budget workshop session with department heads. The Board heard discussion about this coming year's proposed budget and the extensive list of programs that I suggested be implemented for the citizens of our community. We know that to move Saginaw Township on to New Horizons, we must continue to be proactive and innovative, as well as efficient, in providing the quality governmental services our citizens have come to expect. Our Township Board is up to the challenge!

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Timothy J. Braun,
Saginaw Township Supervisor

Public Safety

In order to maintain and enhance the Quality of Life we have always enjoyed, my first commitment will be to continue to provide strong public safety. Our firefighters and police officers do an outstanding job and are very well respected by our citizens - young and old. We must continue to support them by providing them the training, equipment, and technology needed to aid them in the critical work they do. We have one of the best-equipped On-Call Fire Departments in the Saginaw Valley, if not the State. The men and women who comprise this force of volunteers are dedicated and diligent in protecting life, limb, and property. It is important for the general public to understand that many communities of our size employ full-time fire fighters at a significant cost to their residents. Saginaw Township has been very fortunate in attracting hard working, talented individuals who are willing to dedicate a significant amount of their personal time to protect our community. Saginaw Township Fire Chief Richard Powell and members of the department strive to be proactive in recruiting new firefighters. This is essential if we are to continue providing the quality service that everyone is accustomed to having in Saginaw Township. Likewise, our Police Department remains vigilant and watchful over our community and your businesses. Currently, Saginaw Township employs 42 full-time officers. Our command staff consists of a Chief, two Lieutenants and seven Sergeants. As our community continues to grow and mature, we need to look long and hard at the future staffing levels that the Police Department will need to maintain in order to ensure our citizens have the best protection possible.

Quality of Life Means Starting Neighborhood Improvement Initiatives

Our Quality of Life will also be enhanced by fulfilling my plan to start several Neighborhood Improvement Initiatives. We will be implementing a number of measures to promote reinvestment in our older and more mature neighborhoods. Our Community Development Staff will:

- Work on the establishment of new neighborhood associations.
- Periodically meet with these associations and other long time established associations throughout the year.
- Add one additional Code Compliance Officer to help the public understand and support our local ordinances.
- Continue implementing our Local Road Improvement Program.
- Help neighborhoods implement a decorative street lighting program.
- Implement a neighborhood traffic calming initiative consisting of traffic circles, speed tables, and other similar devices.

Saginaw Township is a distinctive community with its own identity, but many do not really know where the Township boundaries begin or end. In the future you will see new Township identification signs strategically placed at key entry points. We will also begin replacing signs on the grounds of our parks and fire stations with signs containing our new Township logo.

Sidewalks and Pedestrian Pathway

Another of my goals is to make Saginaw Township more "pedestrian friendly". The first step in this journey will involve reviving our sidewalk construction program this year. The Mannion Rd. sidewalk will finally be completed. In addition, we are creating a Pedestrian Pathway Steering Committee. This committee will begin to plan for the installation of recreational pathways across our community that will link with Saginaw County's Trail System south of us and the new pathways now being constructed in Kochville Twp.

Road Study Committee

In terms of our roadway system, we are taking a proactive role with the creation of a Road Study Committee. This steering committee will be responsible for identifying various road and traffic problems within our community. The committee will then work very closely with representatives of the Saginaw County Road Commission and MDOT to find suitable solutions.

Working With Our Neighbors

There are some exciting things awaiting Saginaw Township. We will continue to collaborate with other municipalities and agencies when there is a mutual benefit for our community and its residents. We remain deeply committed to the efforts of Vision 2020 and the number of Authorities that have been formed including the 9-1-1 Authority, Mid Michigan Waste Authority, Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority, and the newly formed Saginaw Area GIS Authority.

Saginaw Township will continue to support the efforts of our county wide economic development agency, Saginaw Future Inc., as well as the Chamber of Commerce. Our relationship with Saginaw Valley State University and Kochville Township will continue to flourish as we begin the implementation phase of Cardinal Square.

Lastly, Saginaw Township understands the fiscal situation that the City of Saginaw faces. Water negotiations between the City and the outlying communities are finally moving in a positive direction. We have determined that there will be very little adverse impact from the city's water policies upon existing Township residents and businesses.

In Closing

For twenty years you gave me the opportunity to be a part of our Township government, and I enjoyed all those years of service. It is an honor and a privilege for me to be able to continue to serve our community as your Township Supervisor. I am very grateful. Saginaw Township is a special place to live, work, and raise a family. It is a clean, beautiful, and safe community. By reaching for New Horizons, we intend to make it even more attractive. Our goal of shaping an even better Saginaw Township will be accomplished by working together to meet the needs of our citizens. As your Township Supervisor I will continue to promote and nurture this positive working environment; and I'm confident that, together, we will continue to move our community forward in a positive direction.

This is an abbreviated "State of the Township, 2005" Address. To view the Address in its entirety, please stop by Saginaw Township Hall. Copies of the Supervisor's Address are available on the public information counters. Or view the Address on our web site at saginawtownship.org

Preventing and Reporting Illicit Discharges

Article by: Assistant Director of Public Works Herb "Sonny" Grunwell and Engineer Russ Beaubien of Spicer Group

Have you ever stepped outside your home on a beautiful morning, took a deep breath, then smelled a bad odor coming from around the yard, road, ditch line or storm sewer in front of your house? Maybe the bad odor seems like it was coming from your neighbor's backyard, or even your own. You're not sure what it is or where it came from, but you are positive that something is not right.

How about this scenario: You come home late from work one night and you notice your neighbor outside working on his large fishing boat. As you walk over to salute the captain, you notice that a hose is running from a valve on his boat into the storm sewer at the end of his driveway. Upon further inspection, he tells you that he's "Pumping the head out." In other words, he's emptying out his sewage collection tank on his boat. He continues to justify his actions by the inclination that "All our waste goes into the sewer anyways, why should I have to pay to dispose of this at a regulated site?"

Another example: You think today is going to be the day that you will become a mechanic. You feel like getting dirty. And changing the oil in your car would do just the trick. You get your grubs on and get the proper tools within arms length while lying underneath the car, pull the drain plug and purge the engine of that thick old black oil into a pan. But before you can continue, you have to get rid of that nasty oil. You look around, figure nobody's watching-or cares-and proceed to pour the oil down the storm sewer. You don't know where it goes from there, or don't want to know where it goes from there, but at least it's gone for good and you don't have to drive somewhere to dispose of it. And better yet, nobody seemed to noticed. That is, nobody except your nosy neighbor that reported you to the proper officials after emptying your boat's waste tank into the storm sewer.

If you've ever been involved in or witnessed situations like these, chances are you either: looked the other way; turned red with fury and stopped the event; went to the garage and found some hard to get rid of products that you could dump down the sewer, or became frustrated because you didn't know who to call to report the event.

If the previous examples, or something similar, apply to you or someone you know, consider it as being involved with an illicit discharge. An illicit discharge occurs when wastewater or any other sort of toxic pollutant is dumped directly into a storm drain system. These discharges are the very source of large quantities of harmful bacteria and pollutants that enter our receiving streams and rivers. When harmful discharges are disposed of directly into a storm water collection system, they are not treated in any way. Instead, they retain their toxic and damaging compositions and eventually impact our watershed in various negative ways.

Harmful discharges into our storm sewers and drainage systems contribute to the single greatest source of water quality problems in the Saginaw Bay. Furthermore, these discharges can seep into our groundwater sources creating additional problems. Identification and elimination of illicit discharges is necessary to protect our water supply and prevent water borne illnesses.

The Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority (SASWA) representing Saginaw Charter Township and other communities within Saginaw County has developed and will soon implement an Illicit Discharge Elimination Program (IDEP) that is a requirement of Federal and State regulation. The major goal of the IDEP is to reduce and eliminate illicit discharges entering the Tittabawassee, Cass, and Saginaw River. However, we need your help!

The SASWA has set up a Storm Water Pollution Prevention hotline that will help authorities take proper actions against illicit discharges. Concerned Saginaw County citizens can call (989) 790-5288 (M-F, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) or 3-1-1 (after business hours) when they observe:

- ◆ A strong wastewater odor.
- ◆ Discharges or dumping of pollutants into drains, storm sewers, ditches, ponds, or rivers.
- ◆ Wastewater on the ground surface.

When you decide to contact the hotline, be prepared with the following information:

- ◆ Location of complaint.
- ◆ Source of pollution, if known.
- ◆ Responsible party, if known.
- ◆ Any other relevant observations.

You can learn more about the harmful effects of illicit discharges, and how to prevent them, by logging onto the SASWA Web site at www.saswa.org. The Web site contains a wealth of information regarding the preservation and protecting of our watershed. In addition, in order to inform and serve the public more efficiently, SASWA members encourage citizens to fill out the on-line survey provided on the Web site. Completed surveys will give SASWA a better understanding on how to reach out and educate the public more on issues relating to the quality of the Saginaw Bay watershed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Saginaw Township Police Department News...

Reported by: Donald F. Pussehl, Jr., Chief of Police

Home Safety Tips When Leaving on Vacation

Home Safety Tips submitted by: Officer Brian Kanicki, Saginaw Township Police Department District Resource Officer

A vacation, a weekend away, or a business trip should be a pleasant experience for you and your family. You can make each trip more enjoyable and worry free if you take a few easy steps to reduce the possibility of your home being targeted by criminals.

Before you leave, make arrangements with your mail and newspaper carriers to suspend their deliveries while you are away or have a trusting neighbor pick up these items for you. Arrange to have your grass cut or snow plowed. Remove valuable items, such as lawn furniture, ladders, tools, lawn mowers, etc, from your yard and secure them in a shed or garage. These simple steps give your home the appearance that someone is home and reduces the likelihood of a burglary.

On the day you leave, ensure that all doors and windows are securely locked. Place the heat or air conditioner on a reasonable setting to ensure that pipes will not freeze and appliances stay in working order. Set a light timer in a room of your home that typically has people in it at night to give your home a sense of activity.

The Saginaw Township Police Department conducts House Checks for residents who are on vacation to verify that the home is secure and all is ok. Each day, officers are given updated lists of houses to be checked within their respective patrol districts. If you are interested in signing up for this service, call the Saginaw Township Police Department Administrative Office at (989)-793-2310, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to make arrangements for officers to check your residence while you are away. You'll be asked to leave an emergency contact number for yourself, as well as someone in the area to respond if a problem is found.

Neighborhood Watch Groups are excellent ways to keep your entire neighborhood safe and sound when you are home or away. If your neighborhood does not have an active Neighborhood Watch, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (989) 791-7226 to speak with your area District Resource Officer.

**Citizen's Police Academy**

This fall the Police Department will host the *sixth* CPA. The first of five previous sessions began in January, 2001. We now count 85 graduates from the 11-week, 13-session academy. We are tentatively slated to begin the new class orientation night on the 24th of August, 2005. A few applications are on file but more are welcome. *Priority for attendees goes to Saginaw Township residents.*

Some of the parting comments from the spring graduating class appear below:

"I'm glad I took the time to take this course. I have a new respect for law enforcement." Marilyn H.

"Excellent-Fabulous-Fantastic-Educational-Fun-Enlightening." Donna C.

"I Believe that this program is very good for the township. It also opened my eyes to so many things that police have to deal with." Richard W.

"I am very grateful for the experience and greatly admire each officer." Veronica P.

Interested in learning more about the Citizen's Police Academy? Please give us a call at (989) 791-7226.

Department of Public Services News...

Reported by: Jerry Francis, Director of Public Services and Recreation

Alternate Day Sprinkling

Due to positive citizen cooperation in this program we will continue the sprinkling schedule from 2004. The sprinkling program will begin **June 1, 2005** and end **August 31, 2005**.

The Brush Site

The Brush Site (5790 W. Michigan) will open weekends beginning Saturday, April 16, 2005 thru Sunday, May 22, 2005. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. In addition, the site will be open the third weekends of June (18 & 19), July (16 & 17), and August (20 & 21), then weekends beginning September 3, thru October 30, 2005.

Yard Waste Curb Side Pick Up

Yard waste pick up will begin Monday, April 4, 2005 and end Tuesday, November 29, 2005. Yard waste includes grass clippings, sod without dirt, twigs (less than 2" in diameter), leaves, etc. No rood balls or stumps. Yard waste must be in Kraft paper bags or containers marked Yard Waste. Yard Waste stickers are available at the Township offices. Brush is limited to one bundle per week. Bundles may be no larger than 3' x 4' in size.

Sewer Backups

All sewer backups should be reported to the Department of Public Services. Please call 791-9870. Department personnel will provide assistance in determining the cause and possible solution to your problem.

Construction Updates - Water & Sewer

Completed Projects - Fall 2004	Ongoing Projects - Winter/Spring 2005
◆ Eggers Excavating (Fashion Sq Blvd.)	◆ Gatehouse Manor #4 Subdivision
◆ Eurich Storage Units (Amanda Dr.)	◆ Gratiot Rd. water main replacement - Center Rd. to the city limits
◆ Meadowlark Estates	◆ Hartford Estates Subdivision
	◆ Lawndale Farms # 4 Subdivision
	◆ Nova Ridge Site condominiums
	◆ SS Storage (Tittabawassee Rd.)
	◆ Wal-Mart water main relocation

Saginaw Township Fire Department News...

Reported by Saginaw Township Fire Chief Richard G. Powell

The Saginaw Township Fire Department is one of the three largest "combination" fire departments functioning in Michigan. By definition, a "combination" fire department relies upon a cadre of career (full time) employees for a number of services. In STFD's case the career employees provide public fire education and life safety programs, fire inspection, code enforcement in commercial and multiple family complexes, fire department training, and administrative functions. A total of seven personnel deliver these services for the department.

On-call employees provide the emergency response capabilities of the Saginaw Township Fire Department. Our on-call employees hold other jobs and respond from home, and in some cases their places of employment, when alerted to a problem in our community that requires fire department intervention.

Nearly eighty-five men and women comprise the on-call fire suppression, hazardous materials, water rescue, confined space and extrication emergency service components of the department. They receive minimal compensation for their many hours of work - most saying they serve because they enjoy the challenges and opportunity to help others not for payment. But the demands on our on-call personnel are immense and growing.

Our emergency response personnel are required by state and federal law to complete training in fire suppression topics (255 hours), drivers training (9 hours), and hazardous materials training (24 hours), all before we are allowed to utilize them as emergency responders! This initial training regime spans eight months, with classes being offered once or twice a week during evening and morning hours. Additionally, practical skills sessions are held on ten weekends during the eight months of recruit training.

In addition to the recruit training, STFD personnel are required to attend two monthly in-house training sessions (normally of three hours length each). Hazardous materials and special rescue team members also put in approximately one extra training each month. In 2004, STFD members averaged 98 hours in department training sessions - with officer training and college courses being extra time commitments by our people.

But it is not just training requirements that are impacting members of your Fire Department. We have been experiencing an increase in emergency incident activity for the past five years. Particularly noteworthy, and cause for concern, is the 22/2% increase in emergency responses experienced by the department, in 2004, over the five year average of the preceding years. In fact, last year STFD personnel responded to an emergency incident every **10.8** hours.

The fire profession has unfortunately witnessed a problem with emergency incident responses and training demands severely impacting membership on combination and volunteer type departments when runs occur at an average of three to four per day (which we are approaching). Saginaw Township management and the Fire Department administration are fully cognizant of this challenge and are working with our personnel to ensure the continued viability of the department.

Article continued on next column.



To contact the Saginaw Township Fire Department call: 792-9691, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Fire Department News continued...*

The Township's dependence on the Fire Department's "combination" organizational structure has serviced citizens well for a half century. As escalating demands have been placed upon our personnel, they have responded well. The continued maintenance of our combination structure will, however, directly depend upon our ability to find committed, caring men and women. If you are interested in this type of challenge, we hope you will consider joining!

Visit us on the Web at: stfd.com

Annual Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2005-2006, (April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006)

Our Budget was 24.6 million last year; it is now 24.4 million.

The Operating Budget for 2005-2006

● General Fund	\$7,343,273
● Fire	1,422,200
● Police	5,241,445
● Special Revenue Funds	2,417,729
● Enterprise Funds	7,970,301
● Water Fnd	\$3,962,042
● Sewer Fnd	4,008,259
● Capital Projects	86,873
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The General Fund, 2005-2006 General Fund Rev. Sources, 2005 - 2006 (4/1/05 - 3/31/06)

Permits, Fees, etc = 37%

Property Tax = 22%

State Shared Revenue = 41%

Your 22% of the General Fund Comes From the Following Property Valuations (taxable value)

● Agriculture	\$260,574
● Commercial	365,600,636 29%
● Industrial	7,755,800 >1%
● Residential	856,897,753 69%
● Developmental	3,194,501 >1%
● Util. Per. Prop. (Consumers)	16,025,300 1%
Total Taxable Value	\$1,249,734,564
(Total S.E.V.	\$1,385,911,300)

Source: Township Assessor's Records, 2005

Waste Information Telephone Numbers

- Waste Management (800) 796-9696
- Mid Michigan Waste Authority (989) 781-9555
- People's Landfill - 4143 Rathbun Rd. (989) 777-1120
- Household Hazardous Waste (989) 758-3686
- City Compost Facility - 2410 Veterans Memorial Parkway (989) 759-1663
- Saginaw Township Waste Line (989) 790-3850

Zael Memorial Library News...

Reported by: Alice Houlihan, Zael Librarian

Laptop Users

Zael Library has added a new feature which allows our customers to use their laptops in the library. Routers are available in certain areas of the library which will allow patrons access to the library network. Staff members can help our laptop users get set up and underway.

Theatre for Children Class

On April 12th Zael will present a special program put on by the **Saginaw Valley State University Players**. They will be conducting a Theatre for Children Class. They will give both folk and fairy tale classes, and then involve readers in the presentation. The program is open to all ages, and will be held at **Zael Library, 3100 N. Center at 7 pm** in the evening in the Zael Meeting Room. **No advance registration is required.**

Hats Off to Libraries

The Public Libraries of Saginaw will be holding their second annual fund-raiser to benefit the Library's endowment fund, which provides stable and continuous support for all libraries in our system. The event, "**Hats Off to Libraries**" will take place on **April 8th from 6-9 pm at Hoyt Main Library, 505 Janes Street**. The Saginaw Jazz Quartet will play, a silent auction will be part of the fun, delicious snacks and drinks will be served, and all participants are invited to wear a hat. Several prominent artists in the Saginaw area will be creating hats to be auctioned off during the event. Tickets are 35 dollars each, and can be purchased by calling the library's business office at 755-9833. **All proceeds benefit Saginaw libraries.**

Children's Programs at Zael

Preschool Story Time

Preschool Story Time, for **children 3 to 5 years of age** is scheduled for each **Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. and Friday morning at 10:30 a.m.** for 30 minutes of stories, songs, and fun. No registration is required. On **Friday, April 15**, Zael will be having a special story time called "**Cops & Kids**" as part of the library's National Library Week programs.

Mother Goose Times

Mother Goose Times is a toddler story time for **children 18-24 months of age, with a loving adult**. It will be held **May 3 through 24th on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** and includes a half hour of stories, songs, fingerplays, flannel board stories and puppets. Registration is required for this story time, and may be done in person or by calling Zael children's department at 799-2771.

Summer Reading Program

The Saginaw Public Library's Summer Reading Program, for adults, young adults, and children will begin on **Monday, June 6th and run through Friday, July 22**. The theme this year is "**Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds**". Beginning on **Monday, June 6th**, families may begin registering for the reading program and begin logging reading time. Participants who complete the program will receive a water bottle with the library's logo, and a colorful Summer Reading Program tee shirt.

Clerk's Office News...

Reported by: Shirley M. Wazny, Clerk & Lori Vondette, Deputy Clerk

Message From the New Clerk - Shirley M. Wazny

In fulfilling my duties as Township Clerk I have become certified as an Elections Official. A Clerk is required to be certified in order to run elections, and the State of Michigan provides training. I am currently working to complete the MTA's (Michigan Township Association's) Township Governance Academy which is a new professional development program, and to acquire a CMC (Certified Municipal Clerks) certificate. I look forward to an exciting four years representing Saginaw Charter Township, and will continue to strive to make it a better place to work and live. Thank you again for your support.

School Election

The State of Michigan passed a nine-bill package that consolidated elections to four (4) specific dates that went into effect on January 1, 2005. One of the new laws directs all local school district elections to be administered by Michigan's county, city or township clerks. Saginaw Township has been conducting school elections all along so for the Clerk's office there will be little change. We are one of the lucky ones since the Saginaw Township Community School District has the same boundaries as Saginaw Charter Township. The School Board has passed a Resolution stating they will have a Regular School Election Annually on the May election date. The election is scheduled for May 3, 2005. This is a change for voters in that the Election Day has moved from Monday to Tuesday and the month of the election has moved from June to May.

Voter Registration

If you have recently moved to Saginaw Township and have not registered to vote either at the Secretary of State's office or the Saginaw Charter Township Clerk's office please do so. You must be registered thirty (30) days prior to any election in order to be eligible to vote. Office hours are: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding holidays. Or call 791-9830 for information.

Clerk's Website

For Saginaw Charter Township Board meeting minutes and information pertaining to business licenses, permits, voter registration and election results go to :

www.saginawtownship.org/clerk/HOME.htm

Saginaw Township Treasurer's Office News...

Reported by: William J. McQuillan, Treasurer

Tax Bills will be higher

Yes, your July 2005 Tax bill will be increased by approximately 1.6 mills or 13%. Now the good news. Your December 2005 bill will decrease by the same amount. Because the State of Michigan has reduced revenue sharing with the counties, a law was passed allowing the counties to collect 1/3 of their operating millage with the Summer Taxes and the remaining 2/3 with the winter bill. Next year, 2/3 of the operating millage will be collected in the summer, and in 2007, 100% will be collected in the summer and none in the winter.

This change affects only Saginaw County's operating millage (4.86) not their other voted millage, such as senior citizens, Mosquito Control, Saginaw County Sheriff, etc.

So next July when you open your Tax bill, don't blame the Saginaw Township Treasurer's office. Instead contact your State Legislator.



Saginaw Township Parks & Recreation News...

Reported by: Linda Buska, Assistant to the Director of Recreation

Saginaw Township Recreation/Center Courts

Spring is here and school is winding down, but things at Saginaw Township Recreation are just picking up. Spring and Summer time is a great time for people of all ages to enjoy what Saginaw Township Recreation and Center Courts has to offer! We have youth summer camps to adult fitness classes, there is something here for everyone looking to stay active.

SUMMER CAMPS/CLINICS

Registration for the Spring/Summer camps will be held beginning April 1st.

Kids Camp - (Ages 7, 8 & 9) Session #1 June 20 - June 24
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Session #2 July 18-July 22. **Cost: \$75**

Kids Camp Jr. - (Ages 4, 5 & 6) Session #1 June 13- June 17
Time: Noon - 4:00 p.m. Session #2 July 11 - July 15. **Cost: \$50**

Music for Munchkins - (toddlers & pre-school) call for classes on Tuesdays or Thursdays (6 weeks) singing, dancing, making music.
Cost: \$42

Cheerleading Camp - (Ages 6 - 10) Session #1 June 13 - June 16
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Cost: \$35**

Golf Clinics - (Ages 8 - 16) Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. OR
9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Session #1 June 20 - June 23 Session #2
August 15 - August 18. **Cost: \$90**

Tennis Clinics - (Ages 4 - 17) Session #1 June 20 - June 30
Session #2 July 11 - July 21. **Cost: \$25 - \$50**

High School Varsity Tennis Camps - (9th - 12th grade boys and girls) Session #1 June 21 - July 1. Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Session #2 July 12 - July 22. **Cost: \$70**

High School High Performance Tennis Camp - (9th - 12th grade boys and girls) Session #1 August 8 - August 10.
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. **Cost: \$75**

Dave McDonald Basketball Camp - (3rd - 12th grade boys) Session #1 June 13 - June 16 (9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Grades 3rd - 8th) Session #2 June 13 - June 16 (6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Grades 9th - 12th). **Cost: \$65**

Conley's Instruction Camp - (1st - 8th grade girls) Session #1 June 13 - June 17 (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 5th - 8th grade) Session #2 June 13 - June 17 (10:00 a.m. - Noon 1st - 4th grade).
Cost: \$65

Schumacher Basketball Camp - (Ages 5 - 16 boys and girls) Session #1 July 25 - July 28 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon. **Cost: \$65**

Stars Shooting Camp - (1st - 8th grades, boys and girls) Session #1 August 1 - August 4 (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 1st - 4th grade boys) Session #2 August 1 - August 4 (10:00 a.m. - 12 noon 5th - 8th grade boys) Session #3 August 1 - August 4 (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 1st - 8th grade girls). **Cost: \$60**

Jamie Reed Volleyball Camp - (4th - 12th graders) Session #1 June 20 - June 22 (9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. 4th - 6th grade) Session #2 June 20 - June 22 (10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7th - 9th grade) Session #3 June 20 - June 23 (1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (10th - 12th grade). **Cost: \$50 - \$75**

Hula Dance & Hula Fitness Classes - (Dance for 5 & up and Fitness adult only) Tuesdays or Fridays, Dance 6-7, Fitness 7-8pm

Winners Circle Football Day Camp - (9th - 12th Graders) Session #1 July 18 - July 20 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Cost: \$85**

Junior Hawk Football Camp - (4th - 8th grade) Session - July 18 - July 20 Time - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Cost: \$40**

Baseball Camp - (ages 10 - 18) Session - June 20 - June 22
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Cost: \$120**

Karate for Kids (Ages 6 to 11 yrs.) Six week classes - Tuesdays or Thursdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. **Cost \$42**

Center Courts Fitness Programs

(Call Recreation office for dates and times at 791-9860)

Yoga - Calm your mind, ease your spirit and relax your soul. Yoga helps to improve your circulation and flexibility and has an all around toning effect on your body. Morning & evening classes available for both beginners and advanced students.

Pilates - Learn a new way to breath, gain great and amazing abdominal strength and become flexible by signing up for Pilates.

Tai Chi - Tai Chi will relax you both mentally and physically through soft, gentle and continuously flowing movements.

Aerobics - Get your body in shape with this Cardio workout that will incorporate interval training that will help Sculpt and Define your body.

Dancing for Fitness - (50 & over) - Low impact fitness program with easy dance routines and exercises to tone your body.

"CENTER COURTS WALKING CLUB"

Join Center Courts and HealthPlus Senior on a year-round walk for good health. With this walking club you can set your own pace while walking in a friendly and safe environment and earn rewards for achieving your goals! On the third Wednesday of every month between 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. a registered nurse will be at Center Courts to take your blood pressure for free and a representative will present rewards for completion of mileage levels.

SUMMER RECREATIONAL LEAGUES

Registration for ALL recreational leagues will begin April 1st 2005.

Girls Softball - (Ages 6 - 14)

Men's/Women's/Coed Softball, Men's Morning Softball, Adult Beach Volleyball, Horseshoe League, Senior Shuffleboard

Stan Musial/Connie Mack/Mickey Mantle Youth Baseball

AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

Discount tickets will go on sale beginning in mid-May: Cedar Point, Six Flags, Worlds of Adventure, Michigan's Adventure, Kings Island

PAVILION RENTALS

accepting reservations for the pavilions in Harvey Randall Wicks Recreation Complex and Olson Park

SPRAY POOL

The spray pool in Gotto Park will open in early June. The pool hours are: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. seven days a week weather permitting. Admission is free and children must be 4 ft. tall or under to enter the pool.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF OUR PROGRAMS PLEASE CALL THE SAGINAW TOWNSHIP RECREATION OFFICE AT 791-9860, OR VISIT US ON THE WEB AT

www.saginawtownship.org



OFFICIAL MEETING CALENDAR



This schedule is subject to change. Please telephone Township Hall (989) 791-9800 to confirm meetings. A schedule of these meetings and other Township information is maintained on the Saginaw Township Website.

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April	May	June	July	August	September
04/06 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm. CANCELLED	05/04 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	06/01 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	07/04 Twp. Offices Closed for Holiday	08/03 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	09/05 Twp. Offices Closed for Holiday
04/11 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	05/09 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	06/08 Board of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	07/06 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	08/08 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	09/07 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.
04/13 Board of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	05/11 Board of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	06/13 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	07/11 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	08/10 Board of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	09/12 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.
04/18 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	05/16 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	06/15 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	07/13 Board of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	08/15 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. R.m.	09/14 Board of Appeals 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.
04/20 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	05/18 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	06/20 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	7/15 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.	08/17 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	09/19 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Center Courts Conf. Rm.
04/25 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	05/23 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	06/27 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 11:30 a.m. Brd. Rm.	07/20 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.	08/22 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 11:30 a.m. Brd. Rm.	09/21 Planning Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.
	05/30 Twp Offices Closed for Holiday		07/25 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 11:30 a.m. Brd. Rm.		09/26 Twp. Brd. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Brd. Rm.

New Zip Code effective July 1, 2005. The boundaries for the new zip code is any current 48603 zip code south of State Street but not including either side of State Street. Impacted customers will be notified by mail in May. Please do not change your delivery address ZIP Code before the effective date of July 1, 2005, as updates to allow proper sortation will not be in place until that date.

VISION FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

A planned community identified with pride and excellence in living, medical care, regional/local shopping and recreational activities; where the quality of life is desirable and safe; where government is unobtrusive and economical yet effective and efficient in the management of land, infrastructure, services and recreation; which serves as a model for innovation and regional cooperation, welcomes diversity and focuses on the future.

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